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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: ENRG, CA  
SUBJECT: ENERGY: BERGER INQUIRY REPORT REACTION

REF: VANCOUVER 422

1. MAY 11 VANCOUVER SUN CARRIES FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "TRUDEAU HINTS GOVERNMENT WANTS GAS PIPELINE", BASED ON LONDON DATELINE REPORT BY FRANK RUTTER. RUTTER QUOTES PM TRUDEAU AS STATING THAT "IF WE DON'T MAKE UP OUR MINDS THE U.S. WILL MAKE UP THEIR MINDS AND PROCEED WITH THE EL PASO ROUTE AND WE WON'T HAVE A PIPELINE". OF THE EL PASO PROPOSAL, TRUDEAU ADDED, "IT'S NOT ONLY MORE COSTLY AND LESS GOOD FOR THEM (U.S.) BUT IT MIGHT BE AGAINST CANADA'S INTERESTS TOO". AT LONDON PRESS CONFERENCE TRUDEAU ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IT WOULD BE "UNCONSCIONABLE" FOR CANADA NOT TO MAKE A DECISION BEFORE CARTER'S DEADLINE EXPIRES.

2. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, VANCOUVER SUN AGREES THAT BERGER REPORT FINDINGS "ARE GOING TO CARRY TREMENDOUS WEIGHT" AND THAT THE ARCTIC GAS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN "EFFECTIVELY DEALT A KNOCKOUT BLOW" BECAUSE BERGER "HAS RAISED TOO MANY OBJECTIONS  
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TO MAKE IT POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE AT THE MOMENT". IN SUN'S VIEW, THEREFORE, THE LYSYK INQUIRY ON THE ALCAN PROJECT ASSUMES OVERWHELMING IMPORTANCE AND HIS REPORT "WILL BE THE ONE WHICH DECIDES THE FATE" OF THAT ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

3. CLIPPINGS BEING MAILED TO EMBASSY AND EUR/CAN.  
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